

**Agenda for November 30, 2001 BEA Advisory Committee Meeting (Revised 11/27/01)
at BEA, 1441 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20230**

9:00-9:30am

Coffee and Donuts

9:30-9:50am

I. Welcome and Update

- A. William Nordhaus, Yale University and Chair of BEA Advisory Committee
- B. Samuel Bodman, Deputy Secretary of Commerce
- C. Steven Landefeld, Director, BEA

9:50-12:00pm

II. National Accounts Brainstorming

9:50-10:20am

A. Background and Priorities

- 1. Commerce's Goals: Kathleen Cooper, Under Secretary for Economic Affairs
- 2. Treasury's Goals: Richard Clarida, Assistant Secretary-Designate for Economic Policy
- 3. The Fed's Goals: Lawrence Slifman, Associate Director, Research and Statistics Division
- 4. Current Plans for Improving the National Accounts: Steve Landefeld, Director, BEA

10:20-10:50am

B. Ideas and Priorities

- 1. William Nordhaus, Yale University and Chair of BEA Advisory Committee
- 2. Robert Hall, Stanford University and NBER representative
- 3. Alan Auerbach, University of California, Berkeley and BEA Advisory Committee
- 4. Dale Jorgenson, Harvard University and BEA Advisory Committee

10:50-11:05am: Break

II. National Accounts Brainstorming

11:05-12:00am

B. Ideas and Priorities (Continued)

- 5. Robert Gordon, Northwestern University and BEA Advisory Committee
- 6. Marina Whitman, University of Michigan

C. Additional Thoughts from CEA

D. General Discussion and Next Steps

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12:00-12:45pm

Lunch (Sandwiches/light buffet at BEA)

12:45-1:40pm

III. GDP Reliability

A. Dennis Fixler, Chief Statistician, BEA

B. Alan Auerbach, University of California, Berkeley and BEA Advisory Committee

1:40-2:30pm

IV. Use of Hedonic Methods in the Official Statistics

A. Brent Moulton, Associate Director for National Income, Expenditure, and Wealth Accounts,
BEA

B. William Nordhaus, Yale University and Chair of BEA Advisory Committee

2:30-2:45pm

Break

2:45-3:15pm

V. Strategic Plan and Other Topics- Steven Landefeld, Director, BEA

3:15-4:00pm

VI. Future Agenda